Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

Claims 1-10 are cancelled.

11. (new) Removable prerecorded storage medium for distribution of audio-visual presentation data, the storage medium comprising
    audio-visual presentation data to be read by a playback device; and
    firmware update data being structured in a plurality of data portions, wherein each portion corresponds to a different particular type of playback device and carries a respective indication.

12. (new) Removable prerecorded storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the firmware update data are stored within a single file on said removable storage medium.

13. (new) Removable prerecorded storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the firmware update data are stored within a plurality of files within a single dedicated branch, or subbranches of a dedicated single branch of a directory tree on said removable storage medium.

14. (new) Removable prerecorded storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the firmware update data stored on the storage medium are only temporarily stored in the playback device, and replace a portion of the firmware of the device.

15. (new) Removable prerecorded storage medium according to claim 11, containing a data structure that comprises separate branches for audio-visual playlists, clip related information, audio-visual data streams and firmware update data.

16. (new) Method for automatically updating a playback device for removable storage media, the removable storage media being used for distribution of audio-visual presentation data, comprising the steps of

detecting that an inserted removable storage medium contains firmware update data structured into a plurality of portions;

detecting that the portions of the firmware update data have indications of particular player types and/or player manufacturers associated;

determining an identifier of the type and/or manufacturer of the playback device;

comparing the detected player types and/or player manufacturers with the determined playback device type and/or the playback device manufacturer identifier;

selecting, according to said comparing, a portion of firmware update data that matches the playback device type and/or player manufacturer

reading the selected portion of firmware update data from said storage medium;

storing the read firmware update data within the playback device; and

reading and reproducing audio-visual presentation data from said removable storage medium.

17. (new) Method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of updating the firmware of the playback device with the stored firmware update data or a portion thereof.

18. (new) Method according to claim 16, further comprising the steps of replacing a portion of firmware data stored on a non-volatile memory by the firmware update data read from the removable storage medium, and updating a RAM copy of the firmware data.

19. (new) Method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of detecting that said firmware update data are not yet stored on the playback device before said step of storing the selected firmware update data.

20. (new) Playback device for removable storage media that are used for mass distribution of audio-visual presentation data, the device comprising
    means (µP) for detecting that an inserted removable storage medium contains firmware update data structured into a plurality of portions;
    means for detecting a player type and/or manufacturer indication associated with a portion;
    means for determining type and/or manufacturer of the playback device;
    means for comparing player type and/or manufacturer indications of the portions of firmware update data with the player type and/or manufacturer type indication of the playback device;
    means for selecting, according to said comparing, a portion of firmware update data that matches the playback device type and/or player manufacturer;
    means for reading the selected portion of firmware update data from said storage medium;
    means for storing the read firmware update data within the playback device;
    means for updating the firmware of the playback device with the firmware update data.